

THE WEST POINT KU KLUX.

**Singular Mode of Proceeding by
the Board.**

Whittaker Apparently On Trial for Being Colored—Effort to Evade Detection of the Offender—Insinuations of the Recorder Against "The Accused"—A South Carolina Trial in Progress.

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Cadet Burnett being recalled said he suspected the affair was a hoax when he saw Dr. Alexander move Whittaker's exfolids, and

On his cross-examination Barnett said he did not know the normal position of a person's

partly on the side and partly on the back. As to strength, he said he was stronger than Whittaker. This was apparently brought out to account for his power to break the straps with which he was bound on Saturday. He

Most of the time of the morning was consumed in reading Saturday's testimony.

Recorder Sears desired to have placed on record that Cadet Whittaker was not kept in the court-room continually, for the reason that his standing in his class is not such that he can afford to lose any time, especially so in

tion before the court, the recorder desired it also to go on record that it was customary to speak of a person in the position he is as the accused; at least he has become accustomed so to do in several court-martials; but in Whit-

so doing, but had inadvertently made a lapse. He said he did not consider himself in any way a prosecutor, he had no opinion, no theory, and desired to be so understood. He said he considered Whittaker as the accused, inasmuch

Superintendent Gayler was recalled: Before he testified the recorder stated to the Court that in addition to the twenty-five pages

morning, he had handed him several pages of a particular cadet's writing at Mr. Gayler's request, to compare with the writing in the note of warning. Then Mr. Gayler in response to a question by the recorder said: "I have com-

writing handed me, and find no resemblance sufficient to justify me in the opinion that the note was written by any one whose writing appears on the paper handed me." This evidence seemed to establish a point in Whit-

was a disguised similarity between the writing in the note of warning and his own. The recorder then handed Mr. Gayler more specimens of handwriting and three anonymous letters, two of which he said had been received

Cadet Frederick Hodgson, of the second

Whittaker's room, corroborated considerable of Burnett's evidence, but differed with him in some of it. Burnett saw no blood that was not fresh. This witness said the blood on the Indian club was coagulated, as was also some

on the floor on the left side of the bed and the left ear, but not in the right. He also saw a spot of dry blood two inches in diameter on the mattress, which was all the bedding that remained on the cot.

White Men and Whisky This Time.
CHARLESTON, S. C., April 12.—At the town election in Edgefield to-day an altercation occurred in which De W. E. Bland and A. A.

traveller was shot in the bowels and probably mortally wounded. A. A. Clisby was shot in the thigh in two places. The quarrel grew out of the proposed reduction of the whisky tax, and occasioned a general row at the polls. All the wounded persons are whites.

CABLE SPARKS.
 CONSTANTINOPLE, April 12.—Many persons have perished in the floods near Ismid.

Paris, April 12.—The story of the capture of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Mierungen by Siellian brigands is untrue.

LONDON, April 13.—Dr. William Sharpey, the eminent medical professor and author, is dead; aged seventy-eight years.

LONDON, April 13.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Joseph Brown, Roman Catholic Bishop of Newport and Menevia, is dead, aged eighty-two years.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12.—The *Official*

LONDON, April 12.—The prospectus has been issued of a company for importing fresh meat to England from Australia, with a capital of

LONDON, April 12.—The *Advertiser* announces that Lord Lytton, Viceroy of India, has been created an earl, with the title of the Earl of Lytton.

out in the cocoate works, near the Victoria docks, and one of the stills exploded. Eleven persons were killed and several wounded. Much damage was done.

London, April 12.—*The Pall Mall Gazette*

of India reached the Indian Office last week. If Rt. Hon. Robert Lowe is raised to the peerage Sir John Lubbock will probably represent the London University in Parliament.

LONDON, April 12.—A dispatch from Paris

Diden, the dominican whose sermons recently created a sensation here, has been rusticated by the general of his order, and will be interred in a small monastery of Corbora, on the island of Coraica, inhabited by a half-dozen

The Deception of the Poncas.
The Senate Ponca Investigating Committee yesterday examined Rev. S. D. Hinman, minister in charge of the Santee agency. Ne-

He testified that he accompanied the ten Ponca chiefs on their trip to the Indian Territory, and swore positively that there was a distinct understanding on the part of the Ponca chiefs that if they did not like the Indian Territory they could return to their

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